

OSTEOPATHS FAVOR 'FREEDOM' IN DRESS

Short Skirts and Low Necks
Aid Health of Women,
Convention Told.

FOOT CLINIC IS HELD

Healthy Persons Face Greatest
Dangers From Old Age,
Dr. A. D. Becker Says.

The Eastern Osteopathic Association concluded its annual convention at the Waldorf yesterday with an all-day program of speeches, discussions and demonstrations pertaining to the osteopathic diagnosis and treatment of modern ills. The merits of short skirts, the problems of mentally defective children and premature age also received attention.

The abbreviated skirt and general scantiness of the modern woman's attire have a positive influence toward better health, Dr. R. Kendrick Smith of Boston, one of the speakers, said. He pointed out their advantage in permitting the entrance to the body of ultra-violet rays from the sun.

"Many people have told us how much more ultra-violet light direct from the sun can reach a woman's body when she is normally and sensibly dressed," Dr. Smith said. "And many have shown that freedom in dress is indicative of a general, healthy freedom of body, spirit and mind. How could a woman stand as she ought to stand with a great weight of useless clothing hanging from her? How could she walk as God meant her to walk with a hobbling, crippling impediment of dry goods dragging at her feet and ankles?"

"If a woman is wearing an abbreviated skirt and a sleeveless gown with low neck she is normally and sensibly dressed, for the more she exposes herself to the ultra-violet rays of the sun the better will be her health."

Dr. Arthur D. Becker of the Kirksville (Mo.) College of Osteopathy and Surgery declared that men who enjoy perfect health are in greater danger of developing premature old-age conditions, and of dying from heart disease or some related affliction, than are those who suffer occasional sickness.

"The man who is always well," he said, "will often neglect the laws of health woefully, while his seemingly less fortunate neighbor will of necessity respect those laws and take greater care to live discreetly."

Dr. W. W. Drew, Professor of Children's Diseases in the Philadelphia College of Osteopathy, declared that "injury either before or at the

time of birth or shortly afterward is one of the most common causes of mental defects." Some cases, he said, can be restored to normal by proper treatment and educational direction.

Other speakers included Dr. J. Martin Hess of Columbus, Ohio, who conducted a foot clinic at the close of the meeting, and Dr. George J. Conley, president of the Kansas City College of Osteopathy. More than 250 members of the association attended the convention.

Dr. C. Paul Snyder of Philadelphia was elected president of the association. Other officers elected were Dr. Arthur Patterson, Wilmington, Del.; Dr. Grace R. McMains, Baltimore, and Dr. Harry T. Maxwell, Morristown, N. J., vice presidents; Dr. Arthur S. Bean, Brooklyn, treasurer, and Dr. Arvid E. Valdane, New York, secretary.